

Examiner's Action is due 9 April 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is timely filed.

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the following Amendment and Response, withdraw the pending rejections, and pass the above-identified application to issue.

Kindly amend the subject application as follows.

### **In The Specification**


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On page 6, line 28, please delete "JO1210032" and substitute therefore "JP1210032".

### **In The Abstract**

Kindly delete the current Abstract and substitute therefore the following Abstract.

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The present invention relates to a layered catalyst composite useful for reducing contaminants in exhaust gas streams, especially gaseous streams containing sulfur oxide contaminants. More specifically, the present invention is concerned with improved catalysts of the type generally referred to as "three-way conversion" catalysts. The layered catalysts trap sulfur oxide contaminants which tend to poison three-way conversion catalysts used to abate other pollutants in the stream. The layered catalyst composites of the present invention have a sulfur oxide absorbing layer before or above a nitrogen oxide absorbing layer. The layered catalyst composite comprises a first layer